

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF GINA PAPAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Gina Papan for her eight years of service on the Millbrae City Council, two of them as mayor, one as vice mayor.

In her role as mayor this past year and throughout her tenure on the council, Gina has focused on sustainable finances and revenue enhancement in Millbrae. She has played an instrumental role in the adoption of the Economic Development Plan and the ongoing negotiations for a fire department merger with Central County Fire and San Bruno Fire. She is an avid advocate for public-private partnerships that benefit the local community.

Gina serves on the City and County Association of Governments Board of Directors and Legislative Committee, the Congestion Management Program and Environmental Quality Committee, the High Speed Rail Policymakers Working Group, the San Mateo County Council of Cities, the Mayor's Civic Coordination Council, the Budget/Finance Subcommittee, the Field Agreement Subcommittee, the Fire Shared Services Subcommittee and the Commission/Committee Subcommittee.

In the past, she represented Millbrae on the San Mateo County Housing Endowment and Regional Trust, the Grand Boulevard Task Force, the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance, the San Mateo County Emergency Services Council and the Airport Land Use Committee.

Gina continues a family tradition of public service and philanthropy following in the footsteps of her late father, Lou Papan, known as the "Dean of the Assembly" for his 20 years of service in the California State Assembly and her late mother Irene Papan, a dedicated community leader and tireless supporter of her husband.

Gina began her professional career as a corporate attorney, but quickly moved to the public sector and served as Deputy Attorney General for the state for 19 years. She litigated to protect civil rights and prevent fraudulent use of taxpayer money. She was appointed deputy director of Governor Gray Davis' Office of Criminal Justice Planning. In that capacity, she served on the School Violence Prevention and Response Task Force, the Child Abduction Task Force and as a legislative advisor to the High Technology Crime Advisory Committee. School safety became an immediate focus on her second day on the job when the nation was shocked by the school shooting in Columbine.

Gina grew up in Millbrae and graduated from Capuchino High School. She received her Bachelor's degree in Finance and Economics from UC Santa Barbara and her law degree from the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law. She completed the Senior Executives in State and Local Govern-

ment program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Her commitment and dedication to others is unwavering. She and her sister Diane run John's Closet which provides free new clothing to underserved children and offers them confidence to achieve. John Papan was Gina's brother who suffered from a congenital condition that tragically and prematurely ended his life at age 21. In response and to continue its advocacy for disabled children, the Papan family set up John's Closet. Gina also is the co-director of the John Papan Memorial Scholarship Fund which was founded by the family to help special education students and late bloomers, kids who overcome early learning difficulties in high school.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Gina Papan who is retiring today as mayor of Millbrae and who has committed her life and career to serving her community and fighting for justice.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF FLORA DAY KING

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mrs. Flora Day King. Mrs. King passed away on November 29, 2013 in Seneca, South Carolina at the age of 97.

Flora Prussia Day was born on December 27, 1915 in Lexington, Virginia, the daughter of the late Philip Baldwin Day and Ernestine Albery Day. After graduating as valedictorian of the one-room schoolhouse in Lexington, she earned her Bachelor's degree from William and Mary College and her Master's degree in chemistry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Following in the footsteps of her grandfather, Admiral Benjamin Franklin Day of the United States Navy, Flora enlisted in the Navy in 1941. She served as a Lieutenant in the Navy developing and testing jet propellant for rockets at Indian Head Naval Surface Warfare Center in Maryland for the duration of the Second World War.

Flora married Dr. Edwin Wallace King in 1950 and moved to Clemson, South Carolina in 1956, where she worked as a chemist for the United States Department of Agriculture at Clemson University. She was active in community service organizations and her local Episcopal church.

She is survived by her sister, Jane Day Casati, her sister-in-law, Jeanne Poe Day, her son Edwin Wallace King Jr., his wife Edythe and their two daughters, Edythe Day King and Elizabeth Monroe King, and her son Philip Day King, his wife Lori, and their son Philip Robert King.

Today we honor her service to our country and her commitment to her family. She was a

kind and loving woman who inspired those around her, and she will be truly missed.

HONORING SCOTT KARCZEWSKI

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Scott Karczewski on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of Veterans' Affairs after 36 years of dedicated service.

Scott's service to our country began in 1971, when he joined the U.S. Navy, serving on board the USS *John F. Kennedy* for more than three years. He began his VA career in 1977 at the Togus VA hospital as a temporary warehouse worker. He was quickly promoted to a full time file clerk position in the Regional Office, while still attending college at the University of Maine. Scott has held several positions at the Togus Regional Office including Claims Examiner, Senior Claims Examiner, Rating Specialist, Assistant Veterans Service Center Manager, Veterans Service Center Manager, and most recently as Director of the Regional Office.

Under his leadership, the Togus Regional Office has continued its exceptional performance as one of the top regional offices in the Nation, efficiently and accurately processing claims for Maine's veterans. The performance of the Togus Regional Office has been recognized with the establishment of two special missions, a rating resource center and a development resource center. These missions assist other regional offices with their backlogged claims and have contributed greatly towards the reduction in the claims backlog nationally.

Through his dedication and valued work, Scott has earned well-deserved appreciation and accolades including a Commendation Award in 1986 from the Chief Benefits Administrator, and the Eastern Area Leadership Award in 2007.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Scott Karczewski on his many years of outstanding service to our veterans and wishing him a rewarding and enjoyable retirement.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF LARRY HORTON OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to note the remarkable career of Larry Horton who will retire from his post as Senior Associate Vice President and Director of Government and

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